

I. AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/449,070, filed 24 May 1995, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/088,566, filed 6 July 1993 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/680,046, filed 29 March 1991, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/169,833, filed 17 March 1988, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 717,209, filed 28 March 1985, from which priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, and which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 18 to 23 as follows:

18. (New) A method for producing a heterologous polypeptide comprising
- (a) introducing a DNA sequence coding for a fusion polypeptide comprising the heterologous polypeptide and superoxide dismutase into a host cell;
  - (b) culturing the host cell under conditions such that the fusion polypeptide is expressed; and
  - (c) isolating the fusion polypeptide from the host cell.
19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the host cell is a prokaryotic cell.
20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the prokaryotic host cell is *E. coli*.